

## GREAT SHOCK IN NAVAL CIRCLES

Rear Admiral Thomas Respected Alike by Officers and Men.

Del Monte, Cal., July 4.—The remains of Rear Admiral C. M. Thomas, who died suddenly of apoplexy here last night, have been removed from the Hotel Del Monte to an undertaking establishment in Monterey. No arrangements for their disposition or for the funeral will be made until the arrival of the son of the deceased, Lieutenant Samuel B. Thomas, attached to the battleship Kearsarge, who is expected to arrive during the day. There will be no inquest, as no doubt exists as to the cause of death.

Mrs. Thomas and her daughter Ruth are at the hotel, and will accompany the remains, which will probably be taken east.

**Loss Keenly Felt.**  
San Francisco, July 4.—News of the death of Admiral Thomas at Del Monte was flashed to the flagship Connecticut at a late hour last night by wireless, and was communicated immediately to the men on the other battleships in the harbor by the use of signal lights. Admiral Sperry received the news of the death of his predecessor with much emotion, and when asked to give an expression said that it was too sad an event for him to discuss at this time.

"We were boys together, and we have been intimately associated during all the years since, and the news of his passing away is a sore shock to me. He was one of the grandest men I have ever met. He was a credit to the navy, and stood as an example to the men under him. Words cannot express the feelings I have at his untimely end."

On board the battleship Minnesota, on which Admiral Thomas came from the Atlantic coast to San Francisco in command of the third division of the fleet, his death seemed to be more deeply felt than on any of the other vessels, where he was not so intimately known.

## BUSHWHACKER

IS WHAT BRYAN CALLS GUFFY

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As I have expressed an opinion in that state in regard to the national committee man who is to help manage the campaign, it is this that Mr. Guffy, your present national committeeman, who aspires to become committeeman again, deliberately and wilfully conspired to defeat what he knew to be the expressed will of the Democrats of Pennsylvania. (Applause.)

"You have a primary law in your state under which the voters have a right to select the delegates to the national convention. Those who favored my nomination organized for the purpose of presenting that issue to the voters; in every district put up their candidates, and these candidates either openly avowed themselves or it was written upon the ticket that was presented to the voter at the polls, and as a result of that primary a large majority of the voters in the Democratic party in the state of Pennsylvania expressed their desire that I should be nominated, and recorded themselves in favor of the delegates with promises to go there and favor my nomination.

"It is not for me to say whether those Democrats were wise or foolish, but I understand what Democracy means those men are the ones to determine what Pennsylvania shall say on that subject, and when a political boss, whether he calls himself a Democrat or a Republican, assumes to defy the expressed will of his party, he shall never be in the party organization except over my protest. (Great applause.) And as I have tried to be honest in politics, I have should be nominated, and that no bushwhacker be put into my counsels to betray me. (Great applause.) And the man who thinks that my election would be injurious to this country ought not to participate.

**Guffy a Bushwhacker.**

"When this campaign came on I stated that while I did not know whether I ought to be nominated or not; if the people said that they thought I ought to be nominated I would take it for granted that I meant what they said, and when they nominated me, they wanted to elect me, and that no bushwhacker be put into my counsels to betray me. (Great applause.) And the man who thinks that my election would be injurious to this country ought not to participate.

**Expects to Be Nominated.**

"I am going to assume that I am going to be nominated at Denver. (Applause.) It is not a violent assumption, because we have, I think, at least 100 more than two-thirds of that convention. (Applause.) It has been a remarkable success. Only in one state west of the Allegheny mountains has there been a failure to pass a resolution of endorsement, and only in one state of that number did they stop with an endorsement. In all the others they proceeded to the extent of instructions, and when I assume that Democrats will not disobey their instructions I am building on a solid foundation. (Applause.) I say I assume that I am going to be named, and the nomination comes as distinctly from the rank and file of the party as any nomination ever given to any man (applause), and that is why I am proud of it.

**South for Inspiration.**

"I have not been in the south as much as in the north, and if you have suffered by my absence you have simply suffered for righteousness sake, for I have gone where I have been more needed, and when I have gone south it has not been to bring an inspiration to you, but to get inspiration from you (applause), and you have given me so much that I have stuck to these things for which we have all contended, and I ask no higher honor, no greater favor of our heavenly father than that the securing of that which the people believe to be the best for the advancement of the people's interests and for the strengthening of the people's government."

**National Committeeman Daniel of North Carolina said his state would give Bryan its solid support until he was nominated. He believes the Denver convention should adjourn at once out of respect for former President Cleveland. He would oppose any resolution calculated to stir up conflict, but thinks a suitable memorial should be adopted.**

**Florida celebrated its arrival with the announcement that the delegation from that state has a vice presidential candidate in the person of Governor Broward. Ex-Governor W. S. Jennings, a cousin of Mr. Bryan, has been elected to the Florida delegation at least on the first ballot. Delegates from that state, however, do not take his candidacy seriously.**

**Open to Conviction.**

William E. Gonzales, editor of the Columbia (S. C.) State, traveled with the North Carolina delegation. "We are wide open on the vice president," said he, "and want to support the strongest man we can get. I am a New York man for vice president simply because he is a New York man, but will accept a candidate from that state if it is shown that he is a strong one. Personally I favor Judge Gray of Delaware for second place."

**Tom L. Johnson declined to talk with newspaper men until after his conference with Mr. Bryan, which it was hoped could be held during the afternoon.**

**A number of more prominent members of the southern contingent, including governors, ex-governors and senators, together with Mr. Johnson and a number of ladies, took luncheon at Fairview.**

**In the buzz of political gossip on the lawn many delegates declared that the independence league would have to support Bryan.**

**Heard of the political death warrant, the organization founded by the New York publisher stands for the same reforms which will be demanded by the platform to be adopted at Denver. We have no quarrel with Mr. Hearst's local political activities, but his course in national politics is clear—to be consistent with his own utterances he must support the man who pre-eminently is best fitted to bring out a purification and regeneration of American politics."**

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which he favored the national acquisition of railroads. While these matters may not be injected into the campaign, the recollection of Mr. Bryan's alleged radical tendencies would result in his defeat, argued Mr. Ridder.

**Missionary Work.**

Mr. Ridder stated that he expected to visit all of the different state delegations, particularly those from the south, and address the delegates upon the subject of Mr. Bryan's alleged weakness in New York state. He expected also to work unremittingly among the individual delegates from now until the time the nomination is made.

What the ride might be in New York if a vice presidential candidate of Mr. Bryan's choosing were selected and a platform adopted which would appeal to the country, Mr. Ridder refused to hazard. He said that, of course, it might be possible for Mr. Bryan to carry New York at the coming election, but he did not believe it.

Mr. Ridder's interview with Mr. Bryan at Fairview was confidential, but Mr. Ridder in a statement made public at Lincoln last night did not hesitate to say that he told Mr. Bryan frankly of his opposition to him and of his intended efforts to defeat him in the interest of the party.

**Mayor Dahlman's Opinion.**

Mayor James S. Dahlman of Omaha, who is credited with being one of the official spokesmen for Mr. Bryan in Denver, when asked about the candidacy of Mr. Bryan had expressed himself as favoring Herman Ridder of New York for vice president, said that he had not discussed Mr. Ridder in particular with Mr. Bryan, but that he knew that Mr. Bryan was strongly in favor of such a man. He said that Mr. Bryan had no idea of insisting that the man who should be named for second place must necessarily have been a supporter of his in the past. On the contrary, he preferred some man who would present the conservative element of the party and who at the same time was in favor of the urgent reforms of the present day.

**Mr. Bryan no longer considers the past with reference to his leadership of the party," said Mr. Dahlman. "He has not the slightest feeling of revenge, or of unalterable antagonism to those who have opposed him. I know he would rather, for reasons of expediency, have some man named who has been aligned with the other wing of the party, so long as he is right on present day issues."**

**German's Name Sounds Good.**

"I know that he wants a man who, while being of unimpeachable standing, personally and on public matters, would also be satisfactory to the great German element of our population."

"With a man like Ridder on the ticket with Bryan, we could carry not only New York, but states like Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin, where the German vote is a strong factor. The name of Ridder sounds to me like the most available that has been suggested."

"It does not make any difference if Mr. Ridder opposed Bryan in 1896 and 1900, and if he opposed me for some grounds of expediency, if he is the right sort of a man for the place, Mr. Bryan would be for him."

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